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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: FEB. 28 -The next KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on the 28th, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. KØXM will send out an invitational link to members. Our program will be a presentation by K6MM on the K1N "Navassa, Caribbean's Secret."

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER DE KCDXC MEMBER, N9GB.



Greg, N9GB, sent over this beautiful pic of an 80 Meter array in his backyard. Can you remember when we had green grass and beautiful wx like shown in the photo?? Hot air balloon gliding by was perfect timing!

TOWER & ANTENNA PICS We need pictures of towers and antennas from members for the upcoming newsletter.

There are many members who have not sent in pics of their antennas! Send your pictures to ab0x@kc.rr.com.

******TIME TO RENEW YOUR KCDXC MEMBERSHIP!******Your 2022 dues can be paid online at the KCDXC web page via PayPal or checks may be mailed to WØZAP's QRZ.com ad-dress.

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	37	2380
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	66	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K3PA	350	348	345	319		188	36	2734
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	240	332	254	151	111	25	1808
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
RA3R	325	241	290	112		83		1412
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26	103		1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	249	217	193	205		19	10	936
AD0K	257	242	85	85	196	35	4	1329
W0DR	225	30	174	70		10	7	622
N0EG	210	171	147	198		1	10	623
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter.

Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

The Presidents Corner

February 2022

Chuck KØXM

Hi everyone!!!!

WOW!! What a turn out we had for the zoom meeting. We hit 30 people at one time and everyone remined for a long time, so you all are just being nice, or I am truly NOT boring. Thanks to everyone who attended and I hope it was enjoyed by all.

Our Awards/Contesting Committee has been formed. Ron KØBRO, Mike ABØX, and Jerry NXØI will be resurrecting old awards, and possibly new ones. Also, we will be re-establishing the NØSS award (which I understand has been dormant), and next year, the WØAR award. This year Tom NØAG will be handling the WØAR for 2021 and he has asked to be replaced to spend time with family, and I want to thank Tom for his years of service. Tom, anytime you want to dive back in let me know.

It looks like February is going to be active with some good DXPeditions. VP2MDX, J68HZ, D44A0, Z21A and Z220, J88PI, PJ7AA, TU5PCT (again-same group as before), 3B8GY, 6W7/ON4AVT, 8A7AH (YB7), OX7AM, and V4/KG9N.

February should be a good month for contests also. I made the error of not listing the months contests in my power point and will not repeat that mistake. The numbers are climbing. As I write this, they are 129-7-2 with a moderate G2 Storm. There have been reports in the last week of a major and large sunspot area appearing and hopefully we will see some good results from that activity.

I have rung this bell in the meeting and I will ring it again. IF you have an idea for an article for the newsletter, get with our illustrious editor Mike, ABØX and discuss it with him. ALL info is appreciated.

And starting this month, I will let everyone know about new members as I hear about them. And starting with that, I want to let everyone in on a couple I know about. Craig KYØØ (ex- WAØWPJ), Larry KFØXU, Dennis WØHL, and Don ADØK. Welcome to the group, and do not hesitate with any ideas or questions.

With that I will bid you farewell until the March Newsletter. Remember we have the groups.io email group, the web page at kcdxclub.com which Bill, KØVBU maintains, and if you want, I run a telnet Cluster at dxc.kØxm.net Port 7300.

73 es Good DX
Chuck KØXM (ex- NØBIW)



January 31, 2022

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting conducted on online meeting service - Zoom

The January 2022 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Chuck Kraly, KØXM at 7:02 pm CST (February 1, 0102 UTC).

Agenda - from everyone

- Greeting and go around hearing a brief comment from everyone about their recent activities
- Committees
- DXing and Contesting
- Closing - Informal Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling online Zoom.

Round Robin Discussion

The secretary noted that 26 members were called to talk during this time. There could have been a few more because during this discussion it was mentioned that there were 28 participants on the Zoom call.

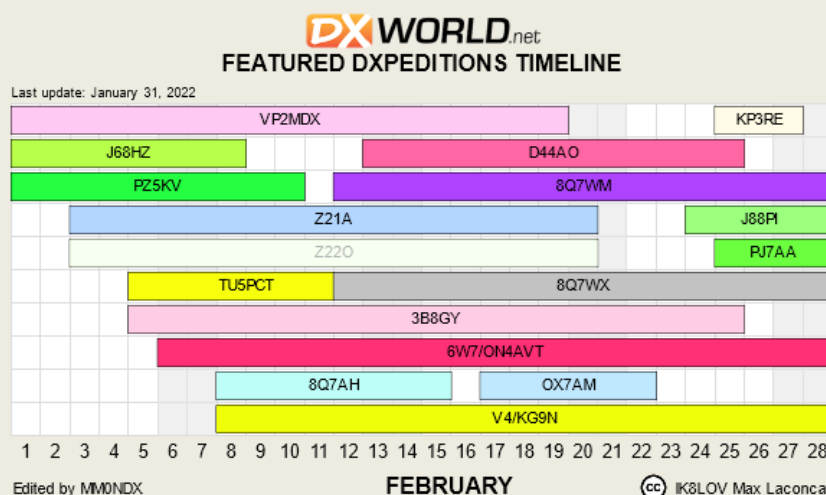
Larry, KDØRIU, reported that the antenna modeling software program EZNEC by W7EL has been made available free of charge since the developer is retiring.

<https://www.eznec.com/>

DXing for February

KØXM, has received permission from DX-World.net to use their DXpedition chart.

Here is the February version:



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The possibility of donating funds for the upcoming DXpeditions of FT5W – Crozet and 3Y/B Bouvet was discussed. Kay, WA0WOF, moved that we make a donation to the Crozet team. Motion carried by hand vote on Zoom. The amount to be donated was discussed. Bill, K0VBU, suggested that the *DXpedition Committee* decide the amount. This suggestion was accepted. Chuck, K0XM stated that he felt that all club members present at a regular meeting should decide which expeditions should be given donations.

Committees

The current members of the *DXpedition Committee* are Russ, K0VXU, and Drew, K3PA. President Chuck, K0XM expressed his desire that there be at least three members on a committee. No one spoke up to join the committee at this time.

Chuck also expressed a desire to rejuvenate the *Award and Contest Committee*. Ron, K0BRO, and Mike, AB0X agreed to be on this committee. No third member volunteered at this time.

Mike, W0MB, commented as to what he thought this committee should work on. He would like the N0SS contest to be re-worked. He was especially concerned about the weekday CWT contests. Not everyone can work CW and the contests sometimes occur during weekday working hours.

Other ideas discussed were DXer of the year and some way to reward new hams and encourage Elmers (trainers) for them. These awards need not be elaborate.

Apparel

Lee, K0LW (among other calls he has been known to use) has a lead on a source for club hats and shirts. Jim, AC0KN also had leads on a source.

After some general comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022. This will probably be a Zoom meeting also at 7pm CST.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary.

HAMVNETION NEWS RELEASE-

"Hams and vendors hoping to attend Hamvention 2022 are asking questions about plans to deal with COVID. Hamvention management is monitoring the situation closely. General Chairman Rick Allnutt, WS8G, has issued the following statement:

"We strongly anticipate that the Hamvention 2022 is a go. We cannot guarantee what government may decide about unknown changes in the pandemic. It has become obvious that the State of Ohio is very unlikely to call a halt to large gatherings anytime soon. Despite a recent large spike in Omicron COVID cases and hospitalizations, there is no move to restrict large indoor or outdoor events such as sports events."

Allnutt added that he anticipates the official state guidance may be to recommend (but not require) wearing a mask and social distancing. Hamvention will support state guidance. We do not anticipate checking immunization status on site.

Some have asked whether COVID testing will be available at Hamvention. At this time there are no plans to have testing on site.

Watch hamvention.org for any updates dealing with the COVID situation."

CONTESTING FROM THE DARK SIDE

BY KY00

There are times when you get together to work on one thing in the shack, and you end up enjoying a whole new facet of the hobby. This is what happened about a year ago, when Chuck, K0XM came by to update the programming of my DMR radios. I wouldn't have even considered contesting on HF, but he mentioned that logging software might be accessible.

So, he loaded N1MM and Logger 32 on my Windows laptop and the boy created a monster. He also wanted the logging process to be as automatic as possible, so he told Logger 32 to send any Q's to LOTW. That makes logging DX automatic and painless. N1MM logs are submitted manually so Chuck can check for logging mistakes after contests.

We found that using one computer for each radio cleans up lots of problems. I was logging Q's in the wrong window when both rigs were connected to one machine. So, Chuck set up my laptop on the VHF station, and a desktop on the 590. The only thing that does, is preclude me from working S02R using the same computer.

We next discussed how he could help without making trip after trip over to my shack. He loaded a program that lets him manage the logs remotely. This has saved time, fuel, and wear on cars.

"So," you ask, "How do you run things when you're blind in your left eye and can't see outa the right one, Craig? Sounds like a tall tale, bud!"

Well! Enter a piece of software called a screen reader! It talks to me as I enter keystrokes, just as I'm doing writing this article. It also reads in a computerized voice what's on the monitor screen.

N1MM does a pretty good job of announcing Windows objects, except in the WinKeyer setup, so Chuck took care of that in N1MM and Logger 32. He also makes sure all logging software updates occur smoothly.

Sometimes screen readers don't know how to read what material programs put on the screen because of their location, color, font, or format. In these cases, Chuck or my wife Janet, KD0EJA, read the object my cursor lands on, and I memorize it,

or write down on paper what is in the object.

or rag chews, I use the WK3_demo program and can use the computer keyboard.

Anyway, back to contesting. Chuck knew it wouldn't be easy. He persisted, and now I work FT-8 and other digital modes with a program called QLOG which voices things as I work Q's. That's a special program written for the blind ops who like to contest.

The next step was to get the beam mounted on the tower, which fellow club members Chuck, K0XM, Mike, W0MB, and Lee, K0LW did in November.

Chuck had to do research to find out how we could control the Kenwood radios. That's pretty straight forward. The manuals for the drivers are strait forward at guiding one to success.

The final projects are to get both computers to parallel log, interface the Yaesu rotor control box to the computers, set up the signal link on the 2000X, and get the VHF weak signal antennas mounted this spring. Things will come to a nice stopping point.

Future projects may include S02R and two-operator operation from here, since my wife is also an operator and wants to participate with me when she retires.

Yes, like you, I prepare by looking at the operating window BEFORE the contest so I know what N1MM expects. The other utility I'll be using a lot is N1MMM's training mode to get more accustomed to contest and DX environments.

Basically, Chuck took an occasional appliance Dxr and contester and showed me, and any other blind operator in the KC metro, that with a little elmering and some tech support, you can win the DX marathon!

I'm looking forward to working my first multi-op contest. With logging software and screen readers as good as they are, it should be fun to try. What we don't know here, is how easy it'll be to fit in to that environment. I work with the Heart of America group on Field day, and thank Craig Schley and the rest of the members of that club for helping me in their operation. So, we have some idea of what to do there.

I consider it a great privilege to be a member of this august fraternity, and will do my best to uphold its sterling reputation!

Thank you.-KY00

***KY00 will be a regular contributor to the KCDXC newsletter!**

CLICHÉS AND HAM RADIO

BY ABOX

What is a cliché? A cliché conveys an idea or message but loses its point through over-usage. I'll let you be the judge of these examples of clichés you'll find in everyday use. Just because a phrase is overused doesn't mean it's a cliché, and because a phrase is a cliché doesn't mean it isn't true. So, how do clichés fit into ham radio?

Common clichés: "Is the Pope catholic?" Or the ever popular: "Does a bear poop in the woods?" or "Does a fat boy like Candy?(I made this one up!)"

Here are a few common clichés that can be converted to ham radio:

"He's dumber than a rock!" translated to ham radio, "He'd climb a tower in a thunderstorm!"

"Looks like he got up on the wrong side of the Bed!" translated to ham radio, "Looks like he started the contest on the wrong band!"

"Is the Pope catholic?" translated to ham radio, "Does a vertical work better with radials?"

"All's fair in Love and War!" translated to ham radio "All's fair in a Pile Up!"

"Don't cry over spilled milk!" translated to ham radio, "Don't cry over burned up amplifiers!"

"He's as old as the hills!" translated to ham radio, "He's as old as Hallicrafters!"

(Another version:) He's as old as the hills!" translated to ham radio "He personally worked Marconi!"

"He's as tough as nails!" translated to ham radio, "He's as hard as working North Korea!"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch!" translated to ham radio, "Don't count your countries until the QSL is on the Wall!"

"That's tougher than a night in jail!" translated to ham radio "That's harder than soldering pl-259's on coax!"

"Cat got your tongue?" translated to ham radio, "Did your mic cord break?"

"He's a few fries short of a Happy Meal," translated to ham radio, "He had to take his General exam three times."

"Read between the lines!" translated to ham radio, "Listen between the dits!"

"Time heals all wounds!" translated to ham radio, "I didn't work Bouvet!"

"What goes around, comes around!" translated to ham radio, "Murphy visited my shack!"

"Weak as a kitten!" translated to ham radio, "QRPp forever!"

"In the nick of time!" translated to ham radio, "Unkeyed just before the Arc!"

"Bad to the bone!" translated to ham radio, "He's a CBer at heart!"

"He can't see the forest for the trees!" translated to ham radio, "He can't see his yagi for the towers!"

From the Ozarks(some where near w0dr): "He's tougher than a woodpecker's lips!" translated to ham radio, "He will climb a tower in a blizzard!"

"A little bird told me!" translated to ham radio, "I heard it on the repeater!"(If you heard it on the repeater, it must be correct, right?)

"An apple doesn't fall far from the tree!" translated to ham radio, "A yagi doesn't fall far from the tower."

"Every dog has his day!" translated to ham radio, "He worked Crozet with a vertical!"

"Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while!", translated to ham radio, "I once beat K3PA in a Pile up!"

"He runs around like a chicken with its head cut off!" translated to ham radio, "He's got a flea market mentality!" (Old timers might say, "Hara Arena mentality!")

"That dog won't hunt," translated to ham radio, "Every time he gets in pile up, his rig blows a fuse!" (Another one from the Ozarks)

"He's as strong as an ox!" translated to ham radio, "He's as loud as AC0C on 160!" OR another translation, "He's so loud I could hear his heartbeat between words!" (Actual statement N0XA told K5UR on 160 one night! If you have ever heard Rick on 160, you know this cliché is true!)

*If you have a ham radio cliché, send it over and I will share it with the group!-AB0X

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NEW AWARDS & CONTEST COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR INPUT!

The new Awards and Contest committee needs your input. Please send the committee your ideas on how to improve participation from KCDXC members. Tell us how you think the W0AR and the N0SS can be improved. Send your thought and ideas to Jerry, nx0i@aol.com , or Mike, ab0x@kc.rr.com or Ron, woodrr@att.net .

The committee has already discussed increasing recognition for members for participation in major DX Contests.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Some recent thoughts that have come into this old gray head:

The upcoming ARRL DX Contests and WPX Contest are great times to get involved in DX and be active. The DX Contests are a great way to pick up new countries for band slots and increase your W0AR score. The New Awards committee has already started working hard to make the W0AR more rewarding for members and more fun! Watch for the new classes and awards soon, however, there's still time to provide input. Send your ideas to Ron, woodrr@att.net, Jerry, nx0i@aol.com or Mike, ab0x@kc.rr.com .

Shifting gears, if you were part of the last KCDXC Zoom Meeting, it was obvious that many club members expect and want more donations to go to upcoming DXpeditions, not just super rare DXpeditions that 99% of the world needs. Our club has a large number of members that sit around the DXCC 300 mark and can benefit from many semi-rare DXpeditions yearly. More donations that the semi rare DXpedition is needed. Any club's purpose is to serve the needs of its members! In the long run, more donations mean more ops and more radios for longer times in rare spots. Also, it is obvious that all committees in the club need to have an odd number so vote ties can be broken. Remember, all committees and positions were created by a simple majority vote at a club meeting. It does not take a constitutional amendment to changes committee members or their mission for the club!

It should also be pointed out since the club no longer has a major Dayton expenditure for a Hospitality suite(averaged about \$1k a year) there is more money available for various activities like awards and DX donations. With the new arrangement with the K3LR group hotel, our expenses for Dayton are minimal if any!"

The KCDXC needs to take advantage of these additional funds and use them to meet the needs and desires of the majority of the members. Since this will be a major expenditure, it seems logical that the committee which decides the amount and which DXpedition will receive the donations, should be larger, with 5 members on the committee instead of the present two. Assigning one position to the current club elected President plus two other positions to volunteers or Presidential appointments. With the presidents coming and going thru normal club elections every two years, there would always be some change and new perspective on the committee.

Please give these ideas some serious consideration. Be mindful my suggestions are made to better serve the desires of the majority of club members and are Not criticism of the current members of the old committee. They are only logical change through thru the democratic process.-AB0X

DX NEWS:

QST de W1AW

DX Bulletin 6 ARLD006, From ARRL Headquarters,

Newington CT February 10, 2022

To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD006

ARLD006 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AD8J, W2GD, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Karel, OK2WM and Vlad, OK2WX will be QRV as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX, respectively, from February 13 to March 8. They will be QRV on 160, 80 and 40 meters using mainly CW. QSL to home calls.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society are QRV as A91SD until February 12 to support Bahrain Sport Day. QSL via EC6DX.

CHINA, BY. Members of Chinese Radio Amateurs Club station BY1CRA are QRV with special event station BY1CRA/WO22 during the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. QSL via operators' instructions.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Rob, DM4AO will be QRV as D44AO from February 13 to 25. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using mostly CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Sergiy, UT9UX is QRV as EM1U from Base Vernadsky on Galindez Island in the Biscoe Islands, IOTA AN-006, until mid April. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL via UT7UA.

HONDURAS, HR. John, AD8J will be QRV as HR9/AD8J from Guanaja Island, IOTA NA-057, from February 12 to 26. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, some SSB, and FT8. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society are QRV as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD, and HZ3FD to celebrate Saudi Founding Day. QSL via ClubLog.

ITALY, I. Operators of the UN Global Service Center ARC are QRV with special call sign 4U13FEB until the end of February to support World Radio Day. QSL via 9A2AA.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Sam, JE1XUZ will be QRV as JE1XUZ/JD1 from Chichijima, IOTA AS-031, from February 12 to 15. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Amir, 4X6TT is QRV as S79/4X6TT from Mahe Island, IOTA AF-024. Activity is on the HF bands, with particular interest given to 30, 17, and 12 meters. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via N4GNR.

COTE D'IVOIRE, TU. Petr, OK1BOA, Petr, OK1FCJ and David, OK6D are QRV as TU5PCT until February 12. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL direct to OK6DJ.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Bill, W3UL is QRV as V47UM from Nevis, IOTA NA-014. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be active part time in the CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest. This also includes being active in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. JT, KD7ADI is QRV as V7/KD7ADI. Activity of late is in his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

KOSOVO, Z6. Rene, DL2JRM is QRV as Z66BCC from Gjilan and will be active in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Diya, YI1DZ is QRV as Z81D while on work assignment with the UN-WFP. Activity is in his spare time on 80 to 10 meters, including 60 meters,

using SSB and FT8. If time allows, he may try to be active on 160 meters. QSL via OM3JW.

ALBANIA, ZA. Fred, OE8NDR is QRV as ZA/OE8NDR and has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 0930 to 1000z. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

Thanks to ARRL DX Bulletin!

2021...WØAR CONTEST RESULTS

BY NØAG

High Power...

1. KØBRO...RON- 40 zones X 219 DX =8,760
2. KØTRL...BRAD-40 zones X 218 DX =8,720
3. WØMB... MIKE-40 zones X 212 DX =8,480
4. K3PA... DREW-40 zones X 211 DX =8220

Low Power...

1. KØBRO... RON- 40 zones X 199 DX =7,960
2. KØXM..... CHUCK- 37 zones X 192DX =7,104
3. ABØX.....MIKE- 34 zones X 150DX =5,100
4. NØAG..... TOM- 33 zones X 101DX =3,333
5. KØTHN....CHARLIE- 32 zones X 111DX =3219

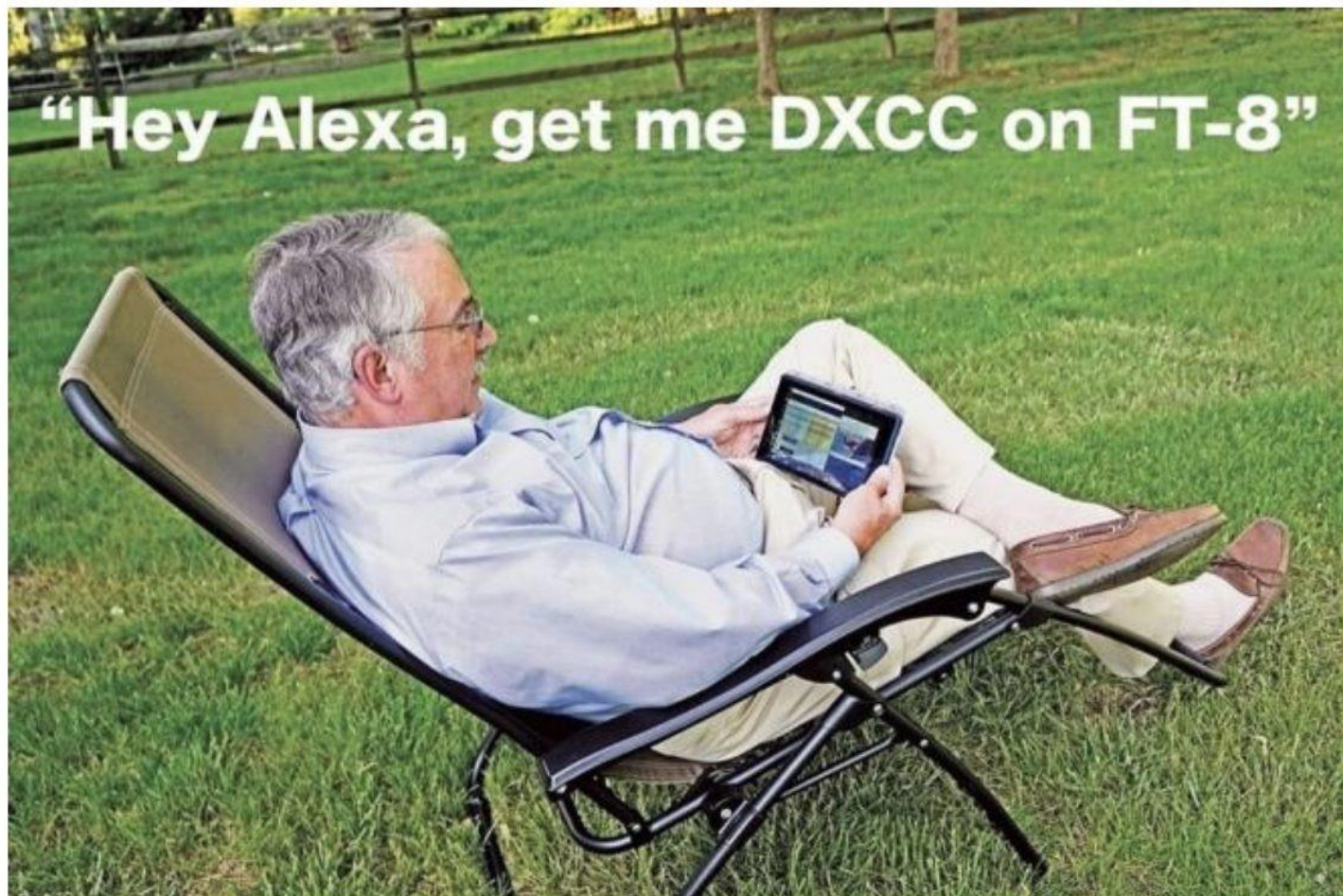
QRP...

1. ABØX... MIKE- 31 zones X 136 DX =4,216

Wires...

1. KØTHN...CHARLIE- 32 zones X 111DX =3219

The KCDXC THANKS, Tom, NØAG, for many years of work coordinating and tabulating the WØAR and NØSS Contests!!!



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